



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,253-A)

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In re Application of:)
Barendse et al.)
Serial No.: 09/089,871) Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: June 4, 1998) Examiner: M. Rameriz
For: High-Activity Phytase Compositions)

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002. This response date has been extended to December 13, 2002.

The amount of \$920.00 is enclosed. Also, please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: December 13, 2002